

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 49, 51-55, 57, 59, and 61-99 are pending in this application. By this Reply, new claim 100 is added.

Claims 49, 51-55, 57 and 59 are allowed. However, the remaining claims stand rejected as follows:

- (1) Claims 69-71, 73, 75, 90 and 95-99 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over JP 2001-325887 issued to Yoshida (hereinafter “Yoshida”).
- (2) Claims 61-68, 72, 74, and 89 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Yoshida in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,640,068 issued to Amemiya (hereinafter “Amemiya”).
- (3) Claims 76-78 stand rejected under 235 U.S.C. §103(a) over Yoshida in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,925,128 issued to Betsui et al. (hereinafter “Betsui”).
- (4) Claims 79-88 and 91-94 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Yoshida in view of Betsui in further view of Amemiya.

The above rejections are respectfully traversed for the same reasons as set forth in the Reply filed July 23, 2007. Further, new claim 100 is added, and further define over the prior art. Withdrawal of the above rejections, and allowance is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **Daniel Y.J. Kim**, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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